

# CPRA Board Meeting

## Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion (MBSD)

### Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

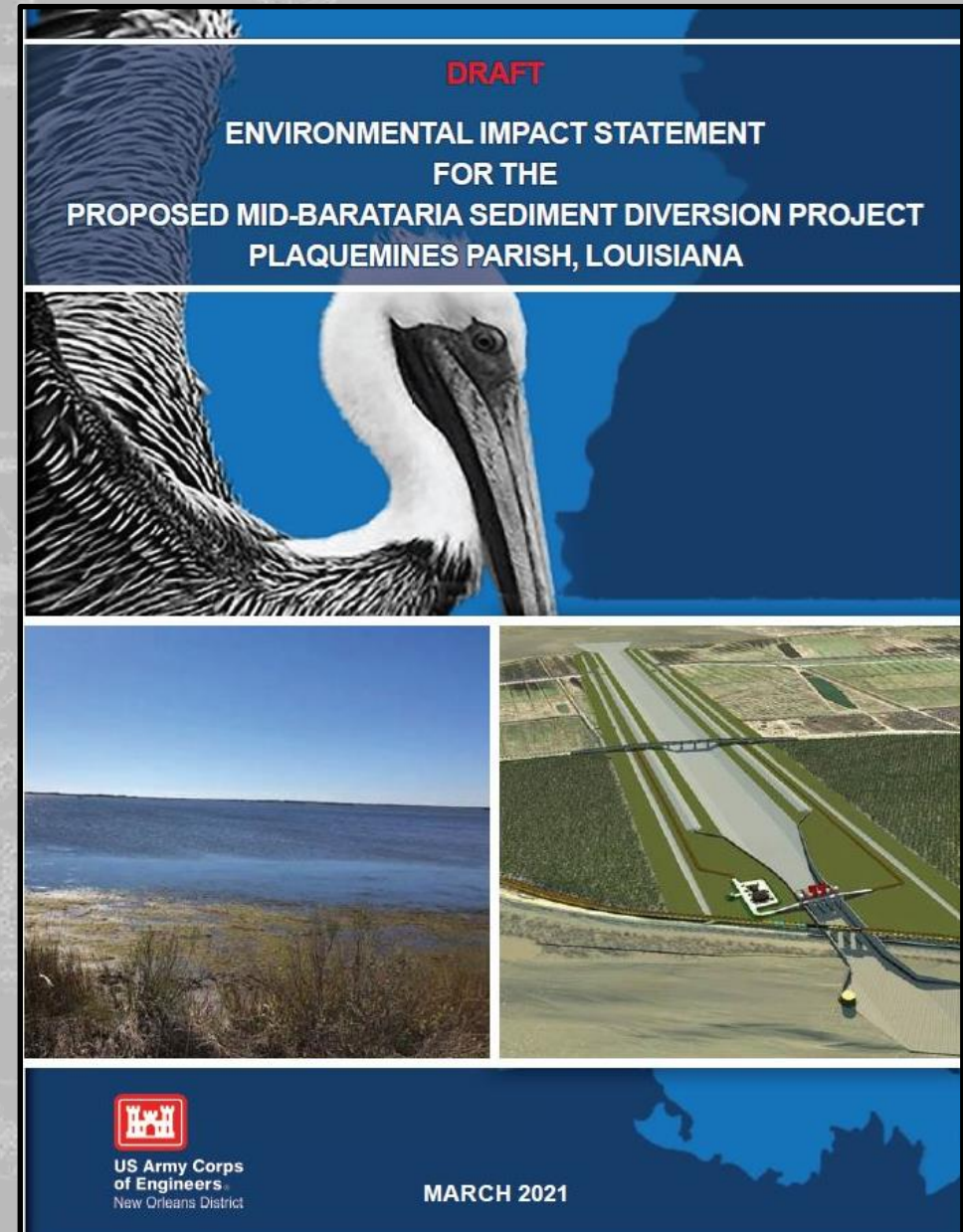
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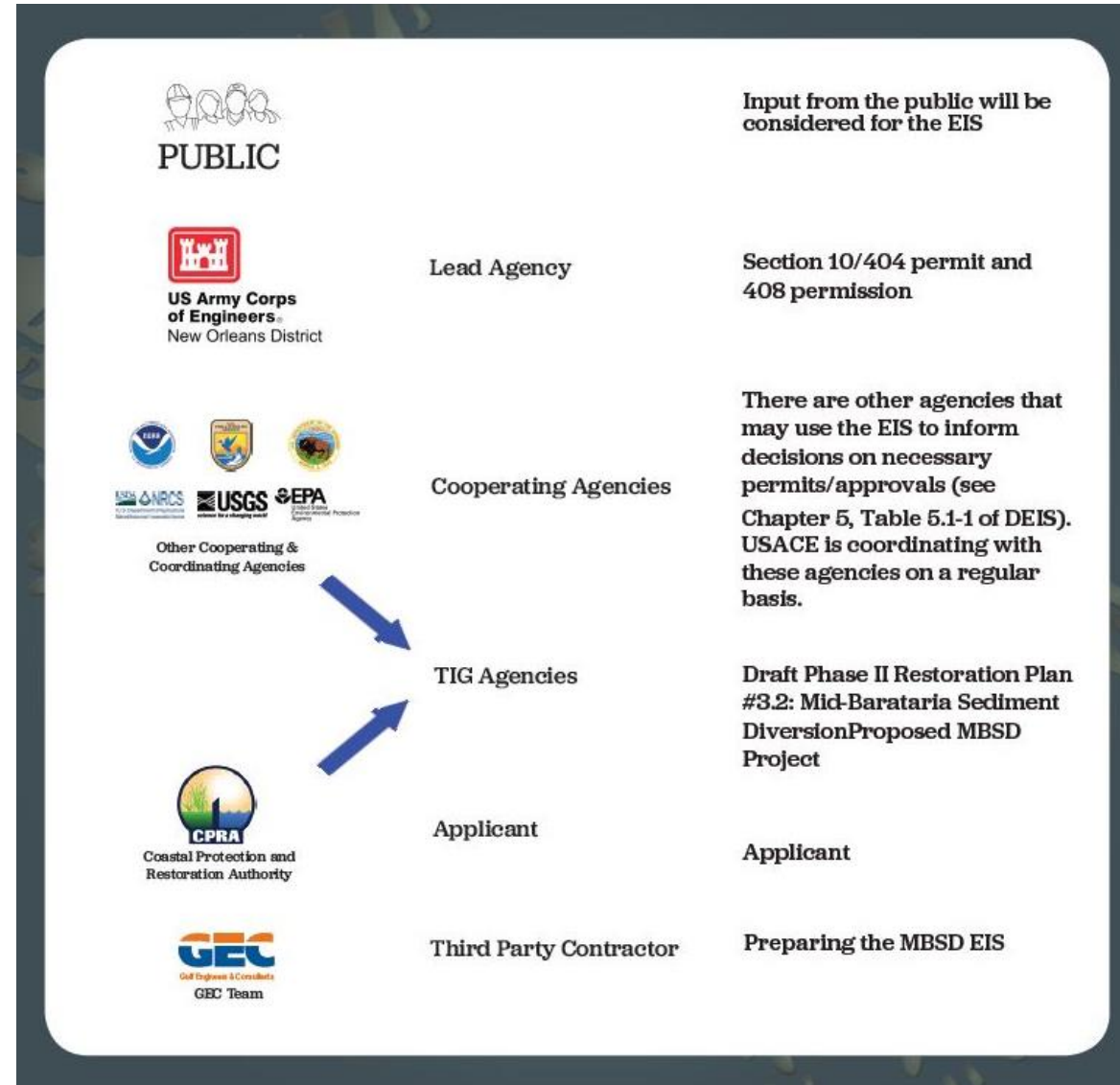


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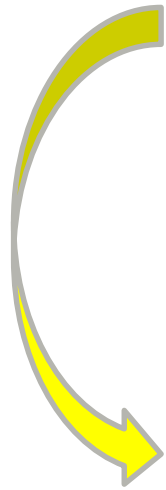
# ENGAGED PARTIES



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# MBSD KEY MILESTONES



July 2017

## Public Scoping

- 870+ scoping comments
- Modeling and technical reports submitted by CPRA
- Multi-agency working groups
- Peer/Independent third-party review
- Draft EIS development
- National Level Memorandum of Understandings

April 2021

## Draft EIS Virtual Public Meetings

April 6, April 7, April 8

## Comment Period

March 5 to May 4, 2021

March 2022

## Final EIS Comment Period

April 2022

## Record of Decision (ROD)



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- [NCER August \(2018\)](#)

## Environmental Impact Statement: Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion

### SUMMARY

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana, through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), has submitted a Joint Permit Application to the Department of the Army (DA) under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) (Section 404), and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899, as amended (33 U.S.C. 403) ("Section 10") and a permission request under Section 14 (33 U.S.C. 408) (Section 408) of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"), at the New Orleans District (CEMVN) for CPRA's proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion ( Proposed Action).

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared to disclose and analyze all significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Action as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations found in 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508. This EIS will address the Public Interest Review requirements of 33 CFR Parts 320-332 including 33 CFR Part 325, Appendix B, 33 U.S.C. 408 and 40 CFR Part 230 (Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines), so that the EIS, when completed, will provide information required for an informed decision on the DA permit application and Section 408 permission request. Any additional information required for the Section 408 permission request beyond the completed final EIS will not be done by the selected third party contractor (TPC).

The Proposed Action generally consists of the placement of a sediment diversion through a portion of the federal Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Project mainline levee on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River (River) at approximately River Mile 60.7 and through the future New Orleans to Venice (NOV) Hurricane Protection Levee, extending into the mid-Barataria Basin in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

Below is a general EIS schedule for the major milestones. Click here for the more detailed [MBSD Permitting Dashboard Schedule](#).

## Ways to Submit Official Draft EIS Comments

PEPC Comment Portal

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/MBSD>

Mail to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

New Orleans District

Attn: CEMVN-ODR-E; MVN-2012-2806-EOO

7400 Leake Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70118

Telephone

866-211-9205

## EIS Documents

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- [Draft EIS](#)
- [Scoping Report and Appendices](#)
- [Initial Documents](#)

## EIS Documents

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- [Draft EIS](#)
- [Cover Pages](#)

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[Chapter 1 - Intro/Purpose & Need](#)

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[Chapter 3 - Affected Environment](#)

[Chapter 4 - Environmental Consequences](#)



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<https://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permits/Mid-Barataria-Sediment-Diversion-EIS/>

<https://www.permits.performance.gov/permitting-projects/mid-barataria-sediment-diversion>



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## G-6-1 Road Removal

The purpose of the action is to reduce erosion and sediment input into streams, and to restore or maintain hydrologic function in the area of Tom McDonald Creek where the former logging road G-6-1 occurs. The National Park Service needs to take this action to reduce impacts to streams and fish habitat, c patterns and hydrologic flowpaths from this roads. The NPS also needs to take this action to re threat of sediment delivery from road crossing and failing culverts.

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**Document Content:**

[G-6-1\\_Road Removal EA.pdf](#) (2.8 MB, PDF file)

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## Submit Comments

G-6-1 Road Removal

We welcome your comments on this project.

Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personally identifiable information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment (including your personally identifiable information) may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



- The Executive Summary describes the proposed action, lists the purpose and need and alternatives, and summarizes potential environmental impacts.
- Non-technical summary
- Condensed version of the Draft EIS

- Table of Contents
- **Executive Summary**
- Chapter 1: Introduction and Purpose and Need
- Chapter 2: Alternatives
- Chapter 3: Affected Environment
- Chapter 4: Environmental Consequences
- Chapter 5: Consultation and Coordination
- Chapter 6: List of Preparers/Contributors
- Chapter 7: Public Involvement
- Chapter 8: Acronym List
- Chapter 9: Index
- Chapter 10: References
- List of Appendices



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# MBSD DRAFT EIS

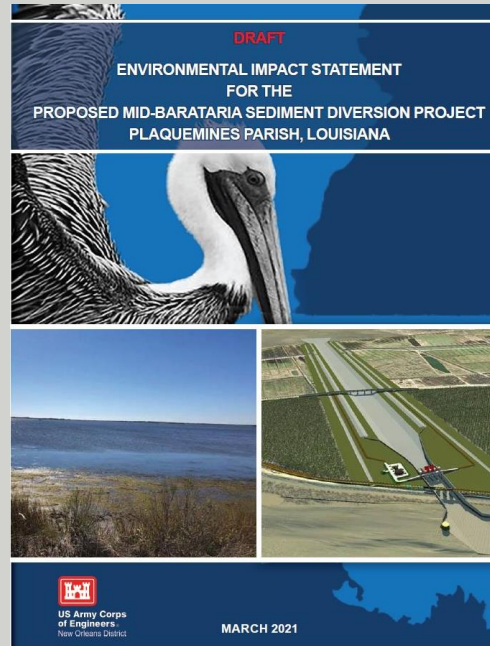
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Draft EIS Chapters 1-5

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Chapter 10 and Appendices



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# CONCLUSION

**Your participation and comments are important to us!**

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**Mail:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
New Orleans District  
Attn: CEMVN-ODR-E #MVN-2018-1120-EOO  
7400 Leake Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70118

**Phone:** 866-211-9205

**Live:** Virtual public meetings

**The 60-day public review and comment period ends on May 4, 2021.**

## Live Virtual Meeting Schedule

**Tuesday**  
April 6, 2021  
9 a.m. CDT

**Wednesday**  
April 7, 2021  
1 p.m. CDT

**Thursday**  
April 8, 2021  
6 p.m. CDT



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# QUESTIONS?



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